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APPLICANT(S): Oppermann et al.

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**APPLICATION TO BE ADVANCED OUT OF TURN FOR EXAMINATION**  
**UNDER MPEP §§ 707.2 AND 708.01**

Sir:

According to MPEP § 708.01, like applications made special as a result of a petition, “[a]pplications pending more than 5 years, including those which, by relation to a prior United States application, have an effective pendency of more than five years” are to be advanced out of turn for examination. The present application is entitled to an effective filing date no later than February 23, 1989. Thus, the present application has an effective pendency of more than **fourteen** years.

Applicants respectfully request that the present application be advanced out of turn for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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